SC's 2008-2012 FIVE-YEAR LSTA STATE PLAN GOALS

I. **GOAL: Facilitate resource sharing and statewide library improvements and encourage participation and growth in cooperatives among the state's libraries (with emphasis on the state's public libraries).**

> **HOW**: Through guided collection development, state-of-the art technology resources, expansion and delivery of electronic and other information resources and leadership that directs strategies for gathering and sharing information;
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> **FOR WHAT OUTCOME/BENEFIT**: For equal and universal access to quality information resources;
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> **FOR WHOM**: All South Carolina residents.

II. **GOAL: Expand and improve library services, programs and resources**.

> **HOW**: Through the provision of varied educational/literacy opportunities, expansion of outreach services, development of affordable information delivery mechanisms, and exploration and implementation of the concept of "library as community";
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> **FOR WHAT OUTCOME/BENEFIT**: To enrich communities, facilitate lifelong learning and to create a sustained appreciation for libraries, reading, information seeking, and literary and other cultural arts programming;
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> **FOR WHOM**: South Carolinians of all ages (with emphasis on the underserved, persons of diverse backgrounds and children and teens).

III. **GOAL: Provide South Carolina's professional and support public library staffs and trustees with educational opportunities that that address LSTA priorities.**

> **HOW**: Support educational opportunities that facilitate the development and delivery of library programs that address LSTA priorities;
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> **FOR WHAT OUTCOME/BENEFIT**: To meet the information needs of all South Carolinians;
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> **FOR WHOM**: SC's professional and support public library staffs and trustees.

IV. **GOAL: Enhance the technological environment of South Carolina libraries.**

HOW: By improving the critical technological infrastructure, facilitating faster access to expanded electronic collections/databases, improving the skills of public library technology staffs, serving as a model/leader in web site development/accessibility, providing IT consultation services and facilitating opportunities for the testing/implementation of new and emerging technologies;

FOR WHAT OUTCOME/BENEFIT: To foster efficient delivery and improvement of information services and resources statewide;

FOR WHOM: All South Carolinians.

V. **GOAL: Foster the development/support of new/existing partnerships.**

HOW: By encouraging public library/community partnerships, directing LSTA funds for support of collaborative statewide and local library projects, guiding strategies for effective marketing of LSTA funded projects, providing related training and demonstrating leadership that positions South Carolina State Library at the center of a collaborative model that includes cultural organizations/agencies, private foundations, library associations and other key stakeholder groups working together;

FOR WHAT OUTCOME/BENEFIT: To advance the goals and objectives of South Carolina libraries;

FOR WHOM: For the benefit of all South Carolinians.

VI. **GOAL: Ensure equal and universal access to quality library services, programs and resources, encourage awareness, foster lifelong learning and facilitate development of adjunct public library services for South Carolinians with disability conditions.**

HOW: By fully supporting and enhancing the statewide Talking Book Services (TBS) Program, providing an up-to-date technology support structure that fosters accessibility, developing relevant and effective partnerships and expanding public education/marketing activities;

FOR WHAT OUTCOME/BENEFIT: To assist all South Carolinians with disabilities and their caregivers/service providers in achieving personal and professional goals, leading self-sufficient lives, and fully utilizing all library and information services available to them;

FOR WHOM: All South Carolinians with disabilities and their caregivers/service providers.